

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 215
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Miss Hannah Hughes Hall on being inducted into the Tennessee Teachers' Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hannah Hughes Hall is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity and compassion in education; and

WHEREAS, "Miss Hannah" has recently been inducted into the Tennessee Teachers' Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her meritorious service to education and her devotion to the children she taught; and

WHEREAS, she served her students with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen as a teacher for 48 remarkable years; she has served students in Tennessee's public schools since the age of 17, when she began teaching in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hannah taught three generations of many Putnam County families -- and she still knows most of them; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hannah is an extremely patient and giving person who motivated her students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; she found it

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rewarding for 44 years to teach youngsters at Baxter Elementary as well as several other “country” schools, like Cedar Hill, before retiring in 1975; and

WHEREAS, a loving and caring individual, Miss Hannah also taught adults after World War II, traveling into the late night hours around the Upper Cumberland region to meet as many classes as she could; and

WHEREAS, she began teaching almost immediately after graduating from Baxter Seminary and later received her Bachelor’s degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, now Tennessee Tech University; and

WHEREAS, today, the spry 87-year old former teacher still drives to Baxter Elementary, where her daughter, Laura Jackson, is assistant principal, to read to students and help out any way she can; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hannah’s secret to success is easy-- “she just loves children”; and

WHEREAS, she is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and is tremendously admired by all that know her; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Miss Hannah is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Miss Hannah Hughes Hall on being inducted into the Tennessee Teachers’ Hall of Fame, commend her meritorious service to education, salute her expertise and dedication as an instructor, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Miss Hannah Hughes Hall with this final clause omitted from such copy.